

House Study Bill 30 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON HOLT)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the definition of vulnerable elder.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 235F.1, subsection 17, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 17. "*Vulnerable elder*" means a person sixty years of age or
4 older who is unable to protect himself or herself from elder
5 abuse as a result of age ~~or~~ and a mental or physical condition.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 Currently, under Code section 235F.1(17), "vulnerable elder"
10 is defined as a person 60 years of age or older who is unable to
11 protect himself or herself from elder abuse either as a result
12 of the person's age or as a result of the person's mental or
13 physical condition. This bill modifies this definition to
14 provide that a "vulnerable elder" is a person 60 years of age
15 or older who is unable to protect himself or herself from
16 elder abuse as a result of both the person's age and mental or
17 physical condition.